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- Write to us at **Parish Council Offices, Hanover Close, Bar Hill. CB23 8EH**
- Email the Chair of Trustees at **chair-of-trustees@barhill-ca.org**, or

We meet monthly on the second Tuesday at 7:30 pm in the Fox. If you'd like an agenda please get in touch!

Help! We're Missing Something

Maybe it's an article by a group you support? A bit of local news? Or even details of an event? Let us know! Deadline for our July issue is **Thursday 11th June**.

Opinions expressed in this publication are not necessarily those of the Association.

There is no charge for Articles, What's On, For Sale or Lost and Found. These appear at the Editor's discretion.

LETTERS, NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send content to **bhn-editor@barhill-ca.org**. Thank you!

Bar Hill Indoor Bowls Club

We meet in the school on Friday evenings during term time only from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm with a 1/2 hour break for coffee. We are a very friendly group and we would love to have some new members. It doesn't matter if you have never played before just come along and join us one Friday, the cost is £3 per week but the 1st week is free.

If you would like more information please contact me on **01954 204171 / 07847 327709** or **barbara.page@live.co.uk**

Dear Residents,

I want to sincerely thank each of you who supported me throughout the election campaign. I am deeply grateful for the support, trust, encouragement, and kindness you showed me.

Campaigns are never about one person alone. They are built on conversations at doorsteps, messages of support and residents who care deeply about the future of our community. I was humbled by the many people who opened their doors, shared their concerns, and placed their confidence in me.

To everyone who voted, volunteered, displayed a poster, encouraged others, or simply wished me well - thank you. Your support meant more than words can express.

Residents deserve strong representation, and I hope the important issues raised during this campaign continue to receive the attention they deserve.

It has been a privilege to serve so many inspiring people across our community over the years.

With sincere gratitude,

Bunty Waters

Bar Hill Church Knit &Natter Group

Thursday 1.30 until 3.00p.m. in The Octagon.

We are a well- established and a popular group who are keen and committed to knitting items that help others in need, and meet to knit and make new friends, produce some fantastic baby clothes, blankets and knitted toys etc., and enjoy tea and cakes together, and sometimes just chat and share stories.

As part of our programme we encourage the ladies to take part in some simple helpful and fun exercises designed to improve general welfare and to keep their fingers and joints moving well, and boost their physical and mental health.

Our present knitting programme is to produce baby clothes and blankets for local new young mums with limited resources, and also blankets for people in the village who may have health or welfare problems and need a helping hand or a kind gesture. We try to respond to any group or individual who needs this help.

New members are always very welcome and find it helps to have a regular group to attend weekly and are always happy to find new friends to chat to and share their “ups and downs” their interests and achievements.

All the wool and patterns are available for the ladies to use. So there are no financial obligations. However contributions of wool from friends and neighbours are very welcome!

During the year we have extra events like craft sessions, tea parties and some outings.

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Coming in June/ July:

5th June Bingo and a quiz

12th June Games and quiz

19th June Father's Day /Bingo and a quiz{Midummer}

26th June Games and a Quiz

3rd July American Theme

10th July Bingo and a quiz

For further information please contact Anne Plumb | **07790 306922** | anne@rwp10.plus.com

Dear Editor, RE: Puzzle Solutions

Solution for May Xword- **Across-** 1. Camembert. 6.ulsterman. 7.bedazzled. 10.extension **Down-** 1.crumble. 2.mrs. 3.muezzin.4.elm.5.tuned in. 8.dot. 9.lei.

This month's puzzle can be found on Page 18. Hope you enjoy it!

Keith Morris

See Life From a Different Angle With Maggie's!

Take to the skies for an action-packed experience of a lifetime!

There's still time to join Team Maggie's on Sunday 28th June at Sibson Aerodrome, Peterborough, for an adrenaline-filled skydive day.

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Bar Hill Catholic Mass

Mass will be held in Bar Hill Church at 6pm on Saturdays. Our services are open to all and everyone is very welcome to attend. If you have any queries please call Bunty Waters **07734 690580**. Our local parish priest is Father Adrian Gates, from OLEM, Ditton; he is also the Hospital Chaplain - **07842 190882**.
Contact Bunty Waters for more info.

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- **'Understanding Grief sessions'** are available online and face to face. See their website arhc.org.uk/understandinggrief for sessions in March, April and beyond.

For more information please telephone **01223 675777**

8 o'clock Club

We are a women's group that meets in the school on the first Thursday each month at 7.30 pm.

Our fee is £15 per year to join and then we make a charge at each meeting to cover the cost of refreshments and a raffle.

We welcome new members to the club. If you would like to join please come along to one of our meetings or phone Barbara **204171** (**07847 327709**), Adela **204265** or Ann **204687.**

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Out and About - Godmanchester

By Stella Joyner

Godmanchester is a delightful place to visit. The village has over 100 listed buildings, the largest of which is a Tudor farmhouse dating back to 1600 and restored in 1995.

The Chinese Bridge (pictured below) has been a Godmanchester landmark since 1827. It has been rebuilt twice — in the 1860s and again in 1960.

Do take a walk over the bridge to Portholme Meadow, which in 1910 was used to build early aircraft. Air displays were held here for the public to enjoy these new flying machines, including James Radley flying his monoplane around the meadow — 16 miles in 23 minutes.

The House of Spies, a farmhouse in Godmanchester, served as a secret SOE (Special Operations Executive) training and transport point from the summer of 1942. Agents were housed, trained and prepared here before going on to RAF Tempsford for clandestine missions into occupied Europe.

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We might not be the oldest or prettiest church around, but are warm and friendly with incredibly flexible space- so you can have as many or few people as you like, arrange the chairs as you would wish and host a buffet afterwards in the Worship Hall or Octagon.

Once a year we do something very special and open up the Baptistry so that older children or adults who wish to recognise their Christian faith, can have a full immersion baptism if they wish. This takes place during a Sunday morning service around Easter time.

There are standard costs for a Church of England wedding or funeral, but baptisms are free.

We don't have a graveyard (so no-one can be buried in Bar Hill), but we do have the beautiful Memorial Garden where a plaque for a loved one can be placed (contact Chris on c.e.stanndard1@gmail.com).

To ask any questions or find out more about services at Bar Hill Church, contact Rev'd Wendy, details below.

Church Office: Ian Farr, 01954 206120, church.office@barhillchurch.org.uk

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- *June 25th Fish and Chip supper*
- *July 11th Fete table*
- *August 27th Normal meeting with quiz, cheese and snacks and a raffle*
- *AGM October 22nd*

We enjoyed a very nice Lunch at the Fox in January.

If you are interested in joining or would like further information or help, please contact either Wendy Arrowsmith on **01954 781381** or Malcolm Cox on **01954 488657**.

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Thursday 18th June	✔		
Thursday 25th June		✔	✔
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Thursday 9th July		✔	✔
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The first match was at home to Steeple Morden and, unusually, meant an April start. Barry Driver took three wickets and Febin Jamal two as Steeple Morden totalled 191 for 7 in their 40 overs. In reply, opener Jim Neal cracked 73 and several others chipped in, but a late collapse meant Bar Hill had to edge victory with just one wicket and nine balls to spare, the score 192 for 9.

Away to Over & Willingham, Phil Orvis and Jeemon Vazhappily took three wickets each and Barry another two as the hosts made 218 for 8. Jim was in great form again, this time hitting a personal best of 80. Sujith Kidnagoor added 38 and Bar Hill reached their target for the loss of four wickets.

The third match was another thriller but this time Bar Hill were on the wrong end of the result. Jeemon's 62 not out (in a ninth wicket stand of 63 with Seth Coode) and 43 from captain Jacob Marshall-Grint led Bar Hill to 205 for 8 in their 40 overs. In reply, Needingworth's opener hit an unbeaten 118 but wickets fell at the other end and the visitors reached 206 for 9 off the last ball of the match. There were three wickets for Phil and Jacob.

Training sessions will continue to be held from 6pm on Wednesdays throughout the season (weather permitting) - new players welcome.

If you are interested in playing, or getting involved in the club some other way, get in touch via info@barhillcricket.org.uk or on the number below, or follow all the latest in the Bar Hill News and on our website at barhillcricket.org.uk or on our Facebook page.

June fixtures

Saturday 6: Cambridge St Giles III (H, CCA)

Sunday 7: Thriplow (A, Cup)

Tuesday 9: Camden (H, midweek)

Tuesday 16: British Antarctic Survey (H, midweek)

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Saturday 23: Haslingfield (A, CCA)

Saturday 27: Needingworth (A, CCA)

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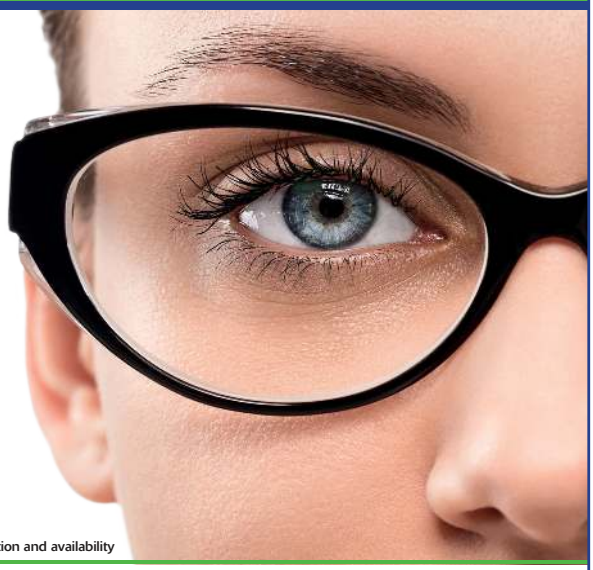

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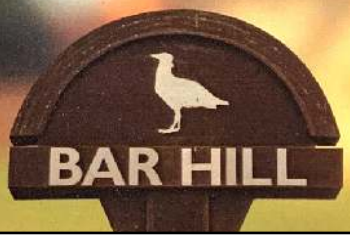

To contact Neighbourhood watch please email **nhwinbarhill@yahoo.co.uk**

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Throughout May, the children at Bar Hill Preschool have been observing the lifecycles of butterflies and frogs. They have been captivated at each stage and were especially excited when five butterflies finally emerged from their cocoons.

Our older children have now received their primary school places and are looking forward to their upcoming transition visits as they begin to get to know their new settings.

Thank you to everyone who supported our cake and ice-cream stall. We hope you enjoyed your treats. We will be offering further opportunities to purchase cakes and ice-creams in June and July. Please keep an eye on our windows and our Facebook page for future dates.

The children have enjoyed re-enacting the ice-cream stall in our role-play area. They have also been busy in the garden planting potatoes, radishes, cress and lettuce, and are taking great care of them as they grow.

We will be running a children's tombola stall at the village fete. If you have any suitable prizes you would be happy to donate, please drop them into the setting or contact us to arrange a convenient collection time.

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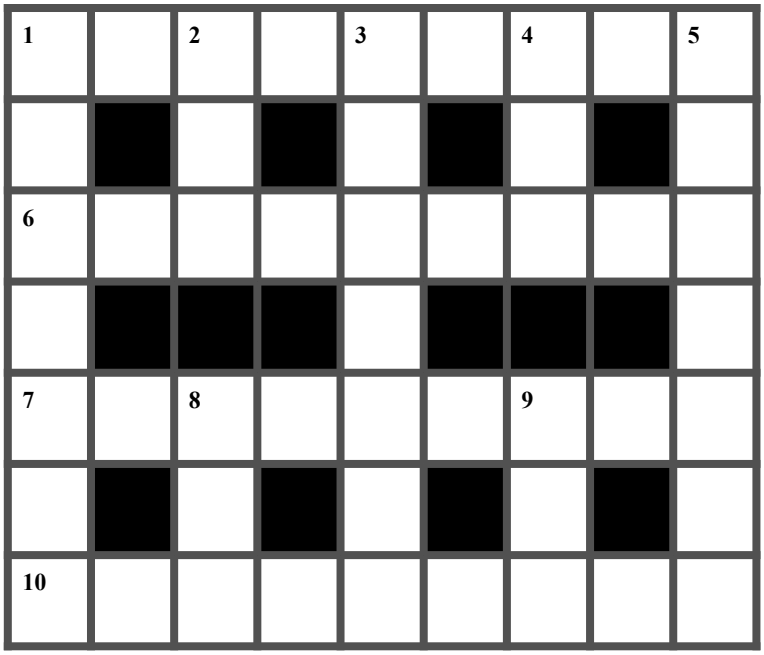

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CLUB TIMES

Our Adult Club nights for social tennis are Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 6.30pm.

Our Adult Club times for pickleball are Monday evenings starting at 5.30pm (beginners 5.00pm), and Friday mornings at 10.00am.

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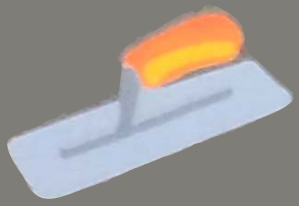

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Helping Hedgehogs in June

June is a crucial month for native hedgehogs. Adults are foraging, mating season is ongoing, and the first hoglets are beginning to appear.

Hedgehogs are in serious decline - around 95% of the population has been lost in the last 30 years, largely due to human impact. Small changes in our gardens can make a real difference.

What Hedgehogs Are Doing in June

- Feeding at night to regain condition after winter
- Mating (loud snuffling and circling at night)
- First hoglets being born, hidden in nests

How You Can Help

- **Food and water:** meaty cat or dog food and a shallow dish of fresh water
- **Never give milk or bread:** hedgehogs are lactose intolerant and bread has little nutritional value
- **Create access:** a 13cm x 13cm gap in fences lets hedgehogs roam
- Check before strimming or mowing: nests can hide in long grass
- **Avoid pesticides and slug pellets,** which poison the insects hedgehogs rely on

Garden Tips That Really Matter

Let part of your garden grow wild, add log or leaf piles for shelter, install a hedgehog house in a quiet shaded spot, and provide a safe shallow water source.

When To Seek Help

Hedgehogs are nocturnal, so seeing one out in the day is often a warning sign. Seek advice if you see a hedgehog out during daylight (especially small ones), an injured or lethargic animal, or very small hoglets alone.

Exception: a mother may briefly appear in daylight while rebuilding a disturbed nest, usually carrying grass or leaves. If she seems active and purposeful, leave her be.

If you are concerned, please get in touch: **Liz Dams**, Trustee, Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity - 07912 988898 **Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital** - 07947 361187

Wildlife Gardening in June

June is one of the most important months for garden wildlife. Flowers are in bloom, pollinators are active, and many species are raising young.

No Mow May allows wildflowers to feed bees and pollinators - but what happens *after* May matters just as much. If lawns are cut back in June, just as clover, dandelions and buttercups peak, we remove a vital food source at the worst possible moment.

A Better Approach

- Leave areas uncut through summer where possible, ideally into August or September
- Mix habitats: short grass paths alongside longer, wilder patches
- Cut in stages so wildlife always has cover and food
- Remove cuttings where you can, to help wildflowers establish

A neat lawn and wildlife gardening aren't mutually exclusive - keep some areas tidy, let others grow, and add native flowers, log piles or hedgerows where possible.

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There is also a Meeting Room, with its own independent access and great for meetings of up to 10 people.

The Village Hall is managed as a registered charity (number 1002579). To book, please visit our web site **barhillvillagehall.com** and email **enquiries@barhillvillagehall.com** to confirm arrangements.

Alternatively, call **01954 782414** and leave a message. We aim to return calls within 24hours (Monday to Friday).

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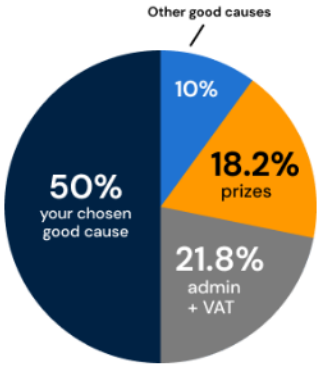
But another way you can help, is by playing the Cambridgeshire Community Lottery. Tickets cost **just £1.00** per week, with the chance to win a massive **£25,000**. But the best news is that out of every £1.00 ticket you buy 50p goes directly to your chosen good cause (which we hope the BHCA would be your choice). We have already raised over 30% of our original target, but, just think what we could achieve if you were to join in with us. To play this lottery just visit **http://www.cambridgeshirecommunitylotteryco.uk/support/find-a-good-cause** and select Bar Hill Community Association as your chosen "good cause" when you purchase your ticket(s).



Every ticket you purchase has a 1 in 50 chance of winning (much better than any of the 'big' lotteries) and n addition to the regular draw the Lottery also runs "Super Draws" on a regular basis (with no need to buy additional tickets!) and you could win one of the many special prizes, such as the £1,000 IKEA Gift Card in the May Super Draw.

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Air Ambulance Launches £8.2m Appeal

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The charity must relocate before its current home at Cambridge Airport closes in 2030. Without a Cambridge base, its service would be cut in half — leaving just one airbase in Norfolk and dramatically increasing response times to life-threatening emergencies across the region.

The Cambridge Air Base Appeal will fund a new facility at New Shardelowes Farm, ensuring the charity can continue delivering hospital-level critical care for decades to come.

Matthew Jones, CEO of East Anglian Air Ambulance, said: *"For nearly two decades we've worked in partnership with Marshall, the owners of Cambridge Airport, so our helicopter, critical care cars and specialist crews can reach people in their greatest time of need.*

"Now this vital part of our lifesaving service is under threat. We've secured planning permission for a new site in Fulbourn, but we must raise the funds to build it. This is our biggest and most ambitious challenge yet, and we urgently need the public's help."

The appeal is backed by local people whose lives - or those of their loved ones - were saved by the Cambridge crew, including:

- **Mia Cornelius**, Haverhill, whose son Clayton was saved after being born at 26 weeks in 2025
- **Jonathan Moran**, Peterborough, who suffered a brain haemorrhage in 2022
- **Deryck Thake**, Cambridge, whose 19-year-old son was treated after a road traffic collision in 2025

Matthew added: *"The vision for our new base isn't just about bricks and mortar. It's about making sure people in life-threatening emergencies continue to receive the very best care, fast.*

"We don't just transfer patients to hospital — we bring hospital-level treatment to them, giving the best possible chance of survival when every second counts. It takes a team to save a life, and we hope the public will help us. Whatever people can give will be greatly appreciated."

East Anglian Air Ambulance

How To Support the Appeal:

- Text **BASE10** or **BASE20** to **70480** to donate £10 or £20 (texts cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate; to donate without receiving further information, text **BASENOINFO**)
- Call the donation hotline on **03450 669 999** (Mon–Fri, 8.30am–5pm)
- Donate online at eaaa.org.uk/base
- Return a donation or direct debit pledge using appeal envelopes being delivered to households across the region
- Donations of £175 or more will be recognised by adding a supporter's chosen name to one of the charity's helicopters.

Supporters can also fundraise by hosting events or taking on challenges - from bake sales and charity balls, to marathons, skydives and other adventurous activities. Schools, businesses, sports clubs and community groups are also being encouraged to make East Anglian Air Ambulance their chosen charity and fundraise together in ways that work for them.

For more information or to donate, visit eaaa.org.uk/base.

IAN SOLLOM MP NEWSLETTER

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The dust has now settled on what was a very busy election period. Thank you to everyone who took the time to speak to me, our candidates and our members on the doorstep over the campaign period. Our Liberal Democrat councillors will always listen to the concerns of the community and will continue to stand up for what matters most to you.

I am pleased that Bar Hill now has an excellent Liberal Democrat district councillor in William Scantlebury.

Children's Social Media Access

At the end of a parliamentary session, the Government must wrap up consideration of outstanding bills. Often this results in long 'ping pong' sessions between the Commons and Lords where disagreement on particularly contentious issues means amendments bounce back and forth and voting sessions extend long into the night.

One such bill, which I know has been of great interest to many residents, was the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill and its bearing on social media regulations – which was voted on a number of times.

In the end, it was a huge win for the Liberal Democrats that the Government was forced to commit to a timeline on restricting access to social media platforms for young people, to ban the harvesting of children's data, and enshrine protections against addictive design harms in law. We also forced the Government to recognise in law that not all social media platforms affect children in the same ways, and we continue to advocate for a nuanced, 'film-style' rating approach, ensuring that access to educational platforms is not restricted under new regulations.

The harms that social media poses to children are well known, and when I hosted a debate on online safety back in March, MPs from across the Commons shared distressing stories from their own constituencies. Without the Liberal Democrats' continuous pressure for decisive action, we would have been stuck with a lengthy Government consultation which could have resulted in no action being taken at all.

Thank you to all the parents, teachers and campaigners who have written to me about this. Your feedback and support have been instrumental in our efforts to make the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill stronger and more effective.

Surgeries and Further Information

Each week I have been holding both in-person and online surgeries to speak directly to constituents about their issues. If you feel you have a problem I could help with, or you have a campaign matter you would like to discuss with me, please don't hesitate to contact me.

If you would like to contact me, please email **ian.sollom.mp@parliament.uk**, visit my website **www.iansollom.org**, or alternatively you can follow me on X: @IanSollom, Facebook **www.facebook.com/IanFSollom** or Instagram **www.instagram.com/iansollom**

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The FOX

Football belongs at The Fox this summer. We hope you are going to join us for the World Cup matches, live with a great atmosphere, cold pints and food specials all tournament long.

We are looking forward to seeing you all here, don't forget to join us from the 11th of June.

We still have our food, and drink deals on at present:

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We can cater for all types of events, Birthdays and Wakes and at present are hosting a Quiz night every Tuesday, from19:30hrs and we have Live Entertainment at least twice a month on Fridays.

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FRIENDS OF THE ROSIE

The Friends of the Rosie are a group of 70-80 enthusiastic and willing volunteers whose aim is to improve the services provided by Addenbrooke's hospital by raising money to buy items that are not provided by the National Health Service.

Although the Friends believe in the importance of the best possible technical care, they also feel they should help make the Rosie a more comfortable, pleasant place for patients and visitors to remember with affection.

The Friends also have a loyal team of knitters and sewers ("Rosie in Stitches") who make children's clothes and toys for us to sell.

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You can also donate, just by shopping online in your usual stores, via Easy Fundraising. You can sign up to support us here;

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We would like to wish all our new Dads a Happy Father's Day.

Our next in person stall is at the **Bar Hill Village Fete** on Saturday 11th July 1 pm - 4 pm in the Church.

With your help we have raised £1,436 so far in 2026 to help make the Rosie a more comfortable environment.

New members are always welcome, whether to contribute financially, to join our team of crafters, join our committee, provide transport for our volunteers or display a small selection of our wares. If you would like to donate some of your spare time check out our volunteering page on the website for ideas.

Thank you for your continued support.

See you in person in July

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and Jo Hall | **01954 780304**

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Bar Hill
Primary School

JUNIOR PARISH COUNCIL

Firstly, working alongside the JTA, they made their voices heard and helped to improve safety outside the school by securing yellow road markings, enhancing visibility at the gates.

Secondly, members visited local businesses around the village, who kindly agreed to host charity collection tins in the lead-up to Christmas. Their aim was to bring the community together in support of a single cause and, thanks to their efforts, £47 was raised for the Red Cross.

Their third initiative – a monthly litter pick to help keep the village tidy – has been brought to life thanks to Julie, whose support and volunteering made this idea a reality.

Their final idea, a youth club for older primary- and early secondary-aged children, has not yet been launched. However, the group remain keen to pursue this and are now seeking support from local adults who may have the time to help make it happen.

I am sure you will agree that, for five 10- and 11-year-olds, they have done an incredible job turning their ideas into meaningful action. Special thanks go to Miss Frampton at the school, and the Parish Clerk, for their support.

UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

Don't forget our Uniform Swap Shop, located in the foyer outside the school office.

Items are being added daily, so please do take a look if you are searching for uniform. We currently have a good selection of summer dresses, white polo shirts and PE kit available.

The rail is open to everyone, and families are warmly encouraged to both donate items and take what they need. We hope all members of our school community will make use of it freely - it is here for everyone. We kindly ask that any donated items are clean and in good condition.

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Whether your bereavement is recent or it has been some time ago, we are here to help. It's a time to listen and to talk in confidence with others who understand.

'Since my husband died, I have really appreciated being part of this group. Everyone is so supportive. I've cried and laughed and have felt I am not alone as I come to terms with my new life' (member of the group).

Everyone is welcome. If you would like to know more, please contact our experienced CRUSE leaders, Sue Kenchington on **780260** or Chris Stannard on **781978** or come along to one of our sessions.

The dates for the next session is the 13th June.

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Play Areas

A new safety surface has been laid under the basket swing in Victory Park. The Kilimanjaro has now been removed and a new item of play equipment has replaced it.

Graffiti in Play Areas

More graffiti has been found on the play equipment. Removal of the graffiti can be difficult and incurs a cost to residents.

Fly Tipping

Residents are reminded to deal with their waste properly. Hazardous waste that was dumped near the allotments has been removed at a considerable cost to residents.

Grass-Cutting

Grass cutting is continuing around the village. Please do not park on Parish Council land so the contractors can cut all the grass.

Parking Spaces on Viking Way

The new parking spaces on Viking Way, which is owned by the Parish Council, are intended for the use of Parish Council staff, contractors and visitors to the Council office. These users have priority during the working week but residents are welcome to use the spaces for short term use at other times including weekends.

Litter Picking

A big thank you to all those that take time to pick litter around the village and those who have joined the monthly litter picks.

If anyone would like a bag & litter picker to use when they have time, please contact the Clerk on **01954 780456** or **clerk@barhill-pc.gov.uk** to collect from the PC office.

Potholes

Please report potholes or any other highways or footpath issues on Cambridgeshire County Council's website: **https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/en-gb**

Dog Fouling

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COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Environment and Amenities Meeting

3 June 2026 - 7pm in the Parish Council Office

Full Council Meeting

18 June 2026 - 7pm in the Parish Council Office

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Edna Murphy - **Edna.Murphy@cambridgeshire.gov.uk**
01223 577005

Cambridgeshire County Council

Introducing a New Councillor

William Scantlebury was successfully elected to be the District Councillor for Bar Hill in the district council elections held on 7 May 2026. He says:

"I am excited to have the opportunity to serve Bar Hill and look forward to working with residents and colleagues on the county and parish councils over the next few years. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns to raise with me".

William can be contacted via email on **cllr.scantlebury@scambs.gov.uk**.

Issues Raised the Most by Residents

Over the last couple of months residents have been giving their views about things they want and which they want to improve around Bar Hill. The following were issues that came up again and again.

- More facilities for young people – many residents were deeply concerned about the lack of facilities for young people as well as employment in the area. Transport is a key issue for young people enabling them to get to work or education. Many residents rely on the bus services are well used but there were many improvements suggested which could help.
- Dog warden services – there used to be a dog warden in the district council but unfortunately funding cuts has meant this service is often not provided by councils. It is a loss, there is a gap in provision which would help owners manage their dogs better and those frightened by dogs would feel reassured.
- Path around the perimeter road connecting currently disconnected paths – residents asked for this to be progressed, it will need the Parish to make an application for a Local Highways Improvement grant from the county council. But it's a simple application and could happen quickly.
- Better tree management within the village – many residents were concerned about trees being cut down without warning.
- Solution to the problem of lorries parking up around the Tesla bend (or elsewhere in the village) – this could be made more difficult now given the planning applications being developed for transport hubs near Bar Hill. Will the double yellow lines proposed along the bend work or will the lorries just move elsewhere?
- Better brook management – long term management is critical to ensure the bank is well maintained and supports properties properly.

We will report in future issues on some of the work we are doing to address these challenges!

Cllr Edna Murphy & Cllr William Scantlebury

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Join us as we celebrate the makeover of our library! Drop in for refreshments, take part in fun activities and discover all the great things the library service has to offer.

Gardening, Climate Change and Us

On Saturday 13th June, starting at **10am**.

Join Clive Boase from *Climate Change Gardening* for an inspiring talk on how shifting weather patterns are transforming our gardens, plants and local wildlife. Discover simple, powerful actions you can take to make a difference.

Baby Sensory Toy Sessions

These take place every **Wednesday** from **2pm** until **3pm**.

Aimed at pre-mobile babies, these are very calm and relaxing sessions in the children's area of the library. We have a range of sensory toys, colour-changing lights and bubbles.

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June/July 2026 Timetable

Every Monday, 10-12 (unless otherwise listed) in the Octagon (opposite Maple Surgery)
The Hub is for people of all ages as a place to gather & enjoy community!

1 June	Coffee Stop Foodbank Advice Sign-posting Chess, traditional & 5Aside versions	Health & Wellbeing - 10.15 -10.45
8 June		Carers Café - 10.00 - 11.30
15June		Health & Wellbeing - 10.15 - 10.45
22 June		Evergreens 10.00 -11.30 Meet a Parish Councillor 10.00 - 12.00
29 June		Indoor Curling & Games with Hope Active
6 July		Health & Wellbeing 10.15 -10.45

WHEN: Every Monday 10am – 12pm.

WHERE: The Octagon (opposite Maple Surgery), Bar Hill, CB23 8EH

WHAT: Our vision is to create a fairer and friendlier community, so everyone can thrive and knows where to turn to for warmth, welcome, friendship and support. The Hub is a busy gathering space, providing a warm, comfortable, welcoming space for our entire community. Come along and join us, we look forward to seeing you!

Coffee Stop: Pop in for a coffee, a piece of delicious home-made cake and a chat with friends, old and new!

Foodbank: No need for any vouchers. If you are struggling financially, drop by and let us help you, available between **10.00 - 11.30 am.**

NEW SERVICE: HUB ADVICE DROP-IN: Available from **10.00 - 11.30 am** on Mondays with Kevin. Just call into the Community Hub during this time and we will be pleased to point you in the right direction.

Evergreens: a safe space for those with memory loss to enjoy: Conversation, Connection, Celebration. Accompanied by a carer, friend or family member. When: usually 4th Monday of each month.

Health & Wellbeing: On the 1st & 3rd Monday, take advantage of some exercise guidance from our experienced coach (starting at 10.15am)..

Carers Café: On the 2nd Monday of the month, providing support for any carers in the village, even if you are not a patient of Maple Surgery.

Meet a Parish Councillor: you can meet one of our Parish Councillors to discuss any issues within our village, between 10am and 12pm on the 4th Monday of the month. Just look for the sign within the Coffee Stop.

Traditional & 5Aside Chess (within the Coffee Stop): A great way to connect and start a conversation with people happy to teach you this wonderful game. Come along and join us for refreshments and a chat!

Indoor Curling & Outdoor/Indoor Games: We are delighted that Hope Active will be coming along again on Monday **29th June** and bringing the indoor curling and other games for us to enjoy together. These sessions are always good fun, a great way to socialise and suitable for all ages and abilities. Do come along and join us too!

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